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For: Flexible Tensioner Arm With Multiple Hinges  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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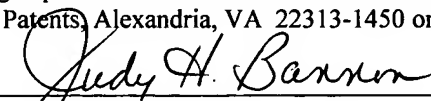
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## **Section 4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and For Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need Be Submitted**

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☐ Item(s)

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(c) a copy of \_\_\_\_\_ is being submitted with this information disclosure statement.

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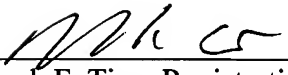
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**TENSIONER ARM AND CHAIN GUIDE**

Patent Number: JP8004848  
Publication date: 1996-01-12  
Inventor(s): TADA NAOZUMI  
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Requested Patent: ☐ JP8004848  
Application Number: JP19950083313 19950314  
Priority Number(s):  
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Equivalents: JP3350612B2

**Abstract**

**PURPOSE:**To provide a tensioner arm and a chain guide by which deterioration of properties of engine oil can be prevented.

**CONSTITUTION:**In a tensioner arm 20 for adding tensile force to the timing chain 9 of an engine, through holes 28, 29 are formed on the tension arm, as an oil releasing part for releasing oil to be accumulated in recessed parts 21 on the back surface side of the tensioner arm 20. Thereby oil can be prevented from being accumulated on the back surface of the tensioner arm for a long period of time.

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Section 2. Form PTO - 1449 (Modified) (ATTACHMENT)

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	AA	5,427,580	06/27/95	Ledvina et al.	474	84	
	AB	5,720,682	02/24/98	Tada, N.	474	91	

**FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION**

Exam Initial		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB	TRANSLATION YES   NO
	AD	JP8004848	01/12/1996	Japan	F16H 7/08		Abstract
	AE	EP 1036956 A2	09/20/2000	Europe	F16H 7/08		Yes

**OTHER PRIOR ART**

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